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47)	Ring-necked Ducks are found in the northern p	parts of North America.		
Dete	ermine which choice is the expanded form of t	he underlined contraction.		
48)	It's easy to spot a ring-necked duck due to its di	stinctive markings.		
	A. it was	3. it is		
	C. it has	D. it had		
49)	<u>I've</u> seen a ring-necked duck at the pond near m	ly house.		
	A. I have	B. I was		
	C. I had I	D. I am		
50)	Ring-necked ducks don't have actual rings arou	nd their necks.		
	A. does not H	B. cannot		
	C. did not	D. do not		
51)	Ring-necked ducks <u>can't</u> fly until they're 60 day	vs old.		
	A. cannot H	B. can		
	C. will not	D. could not		
52)	They're known for their bold white rings around	l their bills.		
	A. they had H	B. they were		
	C. they are	D. they have		

Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

- 53) Ring-necked ducks can migrate long distances.
- 54) Ring-necked ducks are often mistaken for Scaups, isn't that funny!
- 55) It's astonishing that ring-necked ducks prefer deeper, more remote waters!
- 56) It's amazing how the female ring-necked duck builds her nest from aquatic plants!
- 57) These ducks are dive for their food, isn't that fascinating!
- **58)** Ring-necked ducks eat aquatic plants, seeds, and insects.
- **59)** What is the lifespan of a ring-necked duck?
- **60)** The migration of Ring-necked ducks is impressive!
- **61**) The female ring-necked duck lays 8-12 eggs.
- **62)** Why are ring-necked ducks called "ring-necked"?
- 63) Wow, they have a maximum flight speed of 50 miles per hour!
- **64)** What do ring-necked ducks eat?
- **65)** Ring-necked ducks are strong and fast fliers, how exciting!
- **66)** Wow! The average lifespan of a ring-necked duck in the wild is around 11 years!

- **67)** Their name comes from a faint brownish ring around the neck of the male, which is hard to see, such an interesting fact!
- **68)** These ducks are often seen plunging their heads underwater in the search for food, what a sight!

			Ring-necked D	Duck		Name:	Answer Key
1.	Α	26.	false	51.	Α		
2.	B	27.	true	52.	С		
3.	Α	28.	fact	53.	declarative		
4.	Α	29.	opinion	54.	exclamatory	_	
5.	D		fact	55.	exclamatory	_	
6.	D	31.	opinion	. 56.	exclamatory		
7.	D	32.	fact	57.	exclamatory		
8.	D	33.	opinion	58.	declarative		
9.	D	34.	fact	. 59.	interrogative		
10.	C	35.	fact	60.	exclamatory		
11.	true	36.	opinion	61.	declarative	_	
12.	true	37.	opinion	62.	interrogative	_	
13.	true	38.	true	63.	exclamatory	_	
14.	false	39.	false	64.	interrogative		
15.	true	40.	true	65.	exclamatory	_	
16.	false	41.	false	66.	exclamatory	_	
17.	false	42.	true	67.	exclamatory		
18.	true	43.	false	68.	exclamatory		
19.	true	44.	false				
20.	true	45.	false				
21.	false	46.	true				
22.	true	47.	true				
23.	false	48.	В				
24.	true	49.	Α				
25.	false	50.	D				
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Solve each problem. Use the article to answer the question. 1) What is the color of the chest of male Ring-necked Ducks? (paragraph 1) A. Purplish-black Β. C. D. 2) Which of the following do ring-necked ducks like to eat? (paragraph 2) B. seeds of pondweeds A. C. D. 3) When do the Ring-necked Ducks start flying? (paragraph 3) A. About 50-55 days old B. After a year C. D. 4) What color is the ring-necked ducks head? (paragraph 1) A. Black Β. C. D. 5) For what are Ring-necked Ducks named? (paragraph 4) B. The white ring around their bill A. C. D. The chestnut-colored ring around their neck 6) What is the color of the feathers of female Ring-necked Ducks? (paragraph 1) B. Green A. C. D. Brown 7) Where do Ring-necked Ducks live mostly? (paragraph 3) A. Africa Β. C. D. North America 8) How deep can Ring-necked Ducks dive for their food? (paragraph 2) A. Only on the surface Β. C. D. As deep as 30 feet 9) What color is the ring around a Ring-necked Duck's bill? (paragraph 1) A. Purple Β. C. D. White 10) What can Ring-necked Ducks do after a day of hatching? (paragraph 3) A. Sing Β. C. Swim and feed themselves D.

Determine if the statements is something the animal would say (W) or it it is not something the animal would say (N).

11) "When the weather turns chilly, I pack my things and head south. I prefer the warmer climates." (paragraph 3)



12) "My dinner plate includes water plants like seaweed, rice, and bulrushes." (paragraph 2)

